

Mosquito District Alteration and Dissolution

It is the intent of the Montana Association of Counties to seek legislation to allow boards of county commissioners to alter the boundaries or dissolve mosquito control districts by resolution following a public hearing.

WHEREAS, prior to 2005 mosquito control district could only be created upon the petition of 10% of the qualified electors of the proposed district; and

WHEREAS, in 2005 MACo successfully sought legislation to allow for the creation of mosquito control districts upon a resolution of the board of commissioners; and

WHEREAS, that legislation did not alter the provisions for or dissolving a mosquito control district when it is no longer in the best interests of the inhabitants of the district for the district to continue to exist; and

WHEREAS, nor did that legislation alter the provisions for altering the boundaries of a mosquito control district when it is in the best interests of the inhabitants that a district boundary be altered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that MACo seek legislation to allow for a mosquito control district to be dissolved by a resolution of the board of county commissioners following a public hearing ; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the legislation also allow for the alteration of the boundaries of a mosquito control district by a resolution of the board of county commissioners following a public hearing.

SPONSOR: Districts 1, 2 and 3

RECOMMENDATION: Do Pass

PRIORITY: High

REFERRED TO: Agriculture Committee
Health & Human Services Committee

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